



2014 MAINE WILDLIFE PARK Summer Wildlife Days

Sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park

All programs will run from 11am - 2pm unless otherwise noted.

www.mainewildlifepark.com



MAY

Saturday May 3 SNAKES & TURTLES The wildlife park has new snake & turtle exhibits for you to enjoy this year. Learn more about these fascinating 'herps' from IFW staff & be the first to view our exciting new displays.



Saturday May 10 WIND OVER WINGS is a nonprofit educational service featuring magnificent birds who are unable to survive in their natural environment, & who have overcome extraordinary obstacles in their lives. Meet & photograph a live golden eagle, kestrel, screech owl & raven. www.windoverwings.org **Sponsored by Main Line Fence**

Saturday May 17 ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES Celebrate National Endangered Species Day with Maine's Endangered Species Coalition. Endangered Species Day is an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the importance of protecting endangered species & everyday actions they can take to help protect them. Started in 2006 by the United States Congress, Endangered Species Day is a celebration of the nation's wildlife & wild places. www.endangered.org

Sat.-Mon. May 24 - 26 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL PLANT SALE The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available all day each day. www.wildlifeparkfriends.org

Saturday May 31 ARCHERY WITH BRYANT POND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS Certified archery instructors will have equipment & targets to try your hand at this great family sport. Archery builds self-confidence, self-discipline, responsibility & leadership while promoting youth development & life skills. umaine.edu/bryantpond/



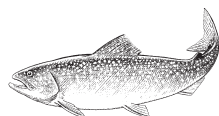
JUNE

Saturday June 7 LL BEAN CAMPING & DISCOVERY SCHOOLS Join LLBean staff for a camping demonstration for families; along with exhibits & displays about their popular Outdoor Discovery Schools adventures right here in Maine. There will be a raffle for a free backpack & a LLBean gift certificate during the demo! www.LLBean.com

Saturday June 14 9am-2pm TAILGATE YARD SALE Shop til you drop in the wildlife park parking lot with proceeds benefitting the park & our wildlife. Local vendors will be tailgating out of their vehicles with a variety of great stuff at affordable prices.

Saturday June 21 4-8pm SUMMER SOLSTICE FARMERS MARKET Local farmers & food vendors will be at the wildlife park to celebrate the Summer Solstice & sell their local foods & products. Admission will be FREE from 4-8pm so visitors can stroll around the park on the longest day of the year while supporting our local farmers.

Saturday June 28 MEET DONN FENDLER - 'LOST ON A MOUNTAIN IN MAINE' & LEARN ABOUT OUTDOOR SAFETY & SURVIVAL SKILLS Meet & greet the real Donn Fendler, famous for becoming lost for nearly 2 weeks on Mt. Katahdin in July of 1939. Donn will autograph his books too, which will be available for purchase in our Nature Store. (or bring your own copies) Additionally, join MDIFW Recreational Safety Instructors to learn about safety & survival in the outdoors. See demonstrations of fire building/starting; survival shelter construction, map & compass & must-have equipment you should always carry with you! www.donnfendler.com www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety



JULY

Saturday July 5 FISH ON ICE Join IFW Fish Culturist Ashley Malinowski to see & photograph several of the species of cold water fish we raise & stock out statewide. Learn about electrofishing, some of our fish tagging projects, & research into the use of plastic baits & their possible impacts on wild fish health. A great 'hands-on' program for the kids!

Saturday July 12th MEET THE GEMS OF ROUTE 26 A consortium of 7 unique points of interest located along the Route 26 corridor between Gray & S. Paris, the Gems offer unique museums, parks, attractions & retreats along this scenic stretch of 'a road less travelled'. Come to see & learn why you need to experience all the Gems of Route 26! www.Gemsof26.com

Saturday July 19 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS Join these wildlife experts & professional educators with their living menagerie of exotic wildlife related to our very own Maine Wildlife Park residents! Meet & photograph wildlife like a Serval Cat, Crested Porcupine, Arctic Fox, Indigo Snake, Alligator Snapping Turtle, Giant Bullfrog or Egyptian Fruit Bat; all while learning how they are connected to Maine's resident wildlife. www.wildlifeencountersnh.com

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Sat.-Sun. July 26 & 27 THE ANCIENT ONES This group of re-enactors, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s - 1800s They will put up a canvas tent & have demonstrations going on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving, & the like. Come to see what day-to-day life really looked like 200 years ago! All day Saturday; Sunday morning 'til noon. www.theancienttonesofmaine.com

AUGUST

Saturday Aug. 2 11am-Noon MAD SCIENCE Mad Science is coming back this summer! Get ready for some sizzlin' excitement with the Fire & Ice Show. Through a dazzling display of Science experiments, Mad Science will explore the 3 states of matter & the amazing properties of fire, combustion & dry ice with live, interactive & compelling educational experiences that make learning a blast! www.madscience.org/maine

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AVIAN TAXIDERMY Taxidermy is a method of reproducing a life-like, 3-dimensional rendition of a mammal, bird or fish for permanent display. Come & see how this is achieved with local taxidermist Tom Berube demonstrating how to mount a loon from start to finish. www.tomsavian.com

The Maine Wildlife Park is owned and operated by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), **& is not a part of the Department of Conservation State Park system.**

The Wildlife Park makes every effort to showcase the programs, projects and management strategies of the Fish and Wildlife Department. Admission fees, Nature Store sales, donations, grants, thousands of volunteer hours and the funds raised by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park make the park essentially self-supporting. A variety of in-kind administrative, engineering, human resource and other services are provided by MDIFW. We thank you for your support!

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 9 & 10 ATTEAN FAMILY POW WOW Tribal representatives from Maine, New England & around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers & traditional food booths. This year, don't miss NEW activities, food, music & Grand Entry presented each day. An exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture & heritage. (All day, rain or shine).

Saturday Aug. 16 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS Join 4 Maine CHAINSAW CARVERS Ron Carlson, Tim Pickett, Dan Burns & Andrew Logan as they use chainsaws to create eagles, bears & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. A variety of carvings will be on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs! www.burnsbears.com chainsawcarverpolandmaine.weebly.com

Aug. 22-Sept. 2 THE FINAL CHARGE A massive, museum quality display showing two huge Bull Moose with locked antlers, created by taxidermist Mark Dufresne of Nature's Reflections Taxidermy in Gray. Most often exhibited at the LL Bean flagship store in Freeport, this amazing display is on loan to us for our visitors to view & photograph up close! www.LLBean.com

Sat.-Sun Aug. 23 & 24 ENCHANTED FORESTS Fairy houses & gardens are incredibly popular with children today. With the success of last years 'make & take' fairy house event; we've dedicated an entire weekend to it again this year. Bring the kids to visit the human-sized fairy house, meet & have your photos taken with some 'real' fairies; then work with all natural materials to create your own miniature fairy habitats to take home with you. This is a great activity for all kids, young & old!

Saturday August 30 LIFE OF THE HONEYBEE Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee, & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display; & experienced bee keepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. www.mainebeekeepers.org

AND LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE WITH SKILLIN'S GREENHOUSES Expert native landscaping staff will be on hand with a wide selection of native shrubs, small trees & other plants that are hardy & attractive, while providing food & shelter for our birds & other wildlife. Fall is a great time to plant, & these quality plants are on sale & ready to install into your yard or landscape. www.skillins.com



SEPTEMBER

Saturday Sept. 6 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT! As a singer & songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike with his delightful & inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music & lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many songs performed will be about Maine's wild animals! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon; rain or shine: www.rickcharette.com **Sponsored by: Cook's Hardware, Harvest Hill Farms, Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park**

Sunday Sept. 7 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day, & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

Saturday Sept. 27 NORTHWOODS LAW DAY Meet the Maine Game Wardens of the popular Animal Planet TV show 'NorthWoods Law'. At least 8 of this season's wardens, some with their canines, will be on hand to sign autographs & have their photos taken with their fans. (9:30am-11:30am; 12:30pm-2:30pm) animal.discovery.com/tv-shows/north-woods-law

OCTOBER

Friday & Saturday Night! October 17 & 18 5:30-9:00PM HALLOWEENFEST Celebrate Halloween in 2 nights of fun with the Park's native wildlife! Park staff & volunteers will stop at nothing to give you & your family NEW scares & fun! Don't miss NEW Halloween displays, Haunted Hay Rides, Games, Contests, Huge Door Prizes & more! Wear your costumes! Regular Admission Fees. (Call office FMI 657-4977 if raining) Nature Store & Snack Shack will be open for spooky snacks & souvenirs!



NOVEMBER

Tuesday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season.

Our 2 picnic shelters & Outdoor Classroom may be reserved for parties, special occasions, family gatherings & more! Special Wildlife programs & tours are available. Consider volunteering at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners & Snack Shack clerks. For more information, please call 207-657-4977 x 0 or go to www.mainewildlifepark.com

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